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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: REPLACEMENT OF CANADA BY IRAN ON ICCS

REF: STATE 161112 (NOTAL); STATE 149695 (NOTAL); STATE 160293 (NOTAL);

STATE 153252 (NOTAL); STATE 158865 (NOTAL)

1. IN ABSENCE FROM TEHRAN OF FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARI AND DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER MIRFENDERESKI, EMBASSY AUGUST 15 DELIVERED TO UNDERSECRETARY FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS MANOUCHEHR FARTASH FORMAL EMBASSY NOTE (STATE 153252) INVITING IRAN TO REPLACE CANADA ON ICCS. ALSO DELIVERED TO FARTASH SUGGESTED DRAFT IRANIAN RESPONSE TO FOUR PARTIES CONTAINED SAME REFTEL AND THREE SEPARATE PIECES OF PAPER RELATING TO (A) PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORMAL IRANIAN
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ACCEPTANCE (STATE 116112); (B) IMPORTANCE OF IRAN GETTING IN

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TOUCH WITH CANADA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO SECURE LATTER'S ASSISTANCE IN IRANIAN TAKE OVER; AND (C) NECESSITY OF IRAN SENDING STRONGEST POSSIBLE STAFF TO TAKE UP ICCS FUNCTION IN VIET-NAM. IN ADDITION, WE SUGGESTED WHERE AND TO WHOM IRANIAN RESPONSES TO INVITATIONS TO JOIN ICCS MIGHT BE MADE.

2. FARTASH WAS AGREEABLE TO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT BY IRAN OF ITS FORMAL ACCEPTANCE OF ICCS ROLE. HOWEVER, HE BELIEVED ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT NOTES FROM OTHER THREE PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT ON ENDING THE WAR INVITING IRAN TO BECOME AN ICCS MEMBER. FARTASH SUPPOSED THAT THESE WOULD BE FORTHCOMING WITHIN NEXT DAY OR TWO. HE PROMISED TO INFORM EMBASSY RE TIMING OF IRANIAN ANNOUNCEMENT IN ORDER THAT ANNOUNCEMENTS IN SAIGON AND WASHINGTON COULD FOLLOW AS ENVISAGED IN PROPOSED PRESS SCENARIO.

3. FARTASH INDICATED THAT IRAN WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH CANADA, THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE IMPORTANCE OF ASSIGNING A TOP IRANIAN STAFF TO VIET-NAM AND THAT HE WOULD KEEP EMBASSY INFORMED RE ARRIVAL OF ADVANCE IRANIAN PARTY IN SAIGON AND ARRIVAL SCHEDULE FOR ENTIRE CONTINGENT.

4. WE SHALL KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH GOI ON ICCS MATTERS AND KEEP ADDRESSEES INFORMED. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THAT HAVING ACCEPTED ICCS ROLE ESSENTIALLY FOR REASONS OF NATIONAL PRESTIGE, IRAN WILL WISH TO GIVE PRIORITY ATTENTION TO DOING THE BEST POSSIBLE JOB, BUT IT WILL TAKE THEM SOME TIME TO GET CRANKED UP. HECK

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